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SUBJECT HONECKER ON FRG/GDR RELATIONS

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) ORGAN "UNSERE ZEIT", CARRIED IN FULL IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, MAY 30, SED PARTY CHIEF HONECKER AGAIN RE-ITERATED GDR READINESS TO RESUME RAPIDLY INNER-GERMAN DIALOGUE WITH NEW FRG GOVERNMENT. CLAIMING THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FRG-GDR COOPERATION HAVE "BY NO MEANS BEEN EXHAUSTED", HONECKER PLEDGED GDR TO CONTINUE TO DO ITS PART FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF FRG-GDR RELATIONS. IN OBVIOUS GESTURE TO BONN, HONECKER SAID HE CONVINCED THAT "ATTITUDE OF FRG GOVERNMENT UNDER SCHMIDT" WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED PROGRESS IN INNER-GERMAN SPHERE, BUT WARNED THAT "DECISION OF FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT ON BAVARIA'S SUIT AGAINST GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY POSED A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO IMPROVEMENT OF (FRG-GDR)RELATIONS." WITH OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO GUILLAUME AFFAIR, HONECKER SAID THAT INTEREST OF NEITHER SIDE WOULD BE SERVED BY ALLOWING "POLITICAL-DETECTIVE STORIES" TO

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DISRUPT INNER-GERMAN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. COMMENT. WHILE HONECKER'S COMMENTS ARE BY-AND-LARGE A REPEAT OF EARLIER EAST GERMAN EFFORTS TO GET INNER-GERMAN DIALOGUE BACK ON TRACK IN WAKE OF GUILLAUME AFFAIR AND BRANDT RESIGNATION, TONE OF HIS REMARKS CONVEYS IMPRESSION THAT GDR ANXIOUS, FOR REASONS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC , TO CREATE IMAGE THAT BONN, NOT EAST BERLIN, MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY STALEMATE IN GDR-FRG NEGOTIATIONS.KLEIN

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